



Washington State Health Care Authority  
**Prescription Drug Program**

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Dear Interested Party;

Re: Solicitation for One Physician and Two Pharmacist Members of the Washington State P&T Committee: Applications due COB December 1, 2010

Dear Interested Parties;

The Washington State Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee is seeking applications from interested physicians and pharmacists<sup>1</sup> to fill current openings on the committee beginning in January 2011.

The purpose of the committee is to evaluate the available evidence of the relative safety, efficacy, and effectiveness of prescription drugs within a class of prescription drugs and make recommendations to the appointing authority for its deliberation in the development of the preferred drug list established in RCW 70.14.050. The P&T Committee also serves as the Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board.

The initial term of appointment is 3 years. Members of the committee will be compensated for attendance at meetings in accordance with a personal services contract executed after appointment to the committee.

Interested physicians or pharmacists should submit a current CV or resume, along with a letter of interest demonstrating that they meet the following criteria set forth in WAC 182-50-025:

- Members must be actively practicing in their clinical area of expertise throughout the entire term of their appointments.
- Members must have knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following:
  - Clinically appropriate prescribing of covered outpatient drugs;
  - Clinically appropriate dispensing and monitoring of covered outpatient drugs;
  - Drug use review;
  - Medical quality assurance;

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<sup>1</sup>WAC 182-50-025 requires that "[t]he membership composition at all times shall be consistent with applicable federal requirements under the Federal Social Security Act, Title 19 § 1927 and the requirements of the department of social and health services medical assistance administration for its drug utilization review board. Therefore, pharmacists and physicians each shall represent at least thirty-one percent, but no more than fifty-one percent of committee membership respectively.

- Disease state management; or
  - Evidence-based medicine.
- Members of the committee shall not be employed by a pharmaceutical manufacturer, a pharmacy benefits management company, or by any state agency administering state purchased health care programs during their term and shall not have been so employed and for eighteen months prior to their appointment.
- A member shall not have a substantial financial conflict of interest including any interest in any pharmaceutical company, including the holding of stock options or the receipt of honoraria or consultant moneys. The appointing authority in its sole discretion may disqualify any potential member if it determines that a substantial conflict of interest exists.
- As part of the application process, prospective committee members shall complete a conflict of interest disclosure form, provided by the appointing authority, and after appointment, annually by July 1st of each year. Members must keep their disclosure statements current and provide updated information whenever circumstances change.
- Committee members must agree to keep all proprietary information confidential.

Applications must be received no later than close of business December 1, 2010.

Please submit applications to Regina Chacon, 1511 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Suite 201, Seattle, WA 98101-3662, or [regina.chacon@hca.wa.gov](mailto:regina.chacon@hca.wa.gov). For more information please contact Dr. Jeff Graham at (360) 961-9671, or [jeff@jeffgrahamconsulting.com](mailto:jeff@jeffgrahamconsulting.com).

Sincerely,



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